GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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HIJACKING OF IC-814
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investigations into the hijacking of flight IC-814 to Kandhar by the CBI has almost reached a dead end;

(b) if so, whether the CBI is facing some difficulties in the process of investigation;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to remove these hurdles; and

(d) the current status of the investigations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) No, Sir. After investigation of the case, CBI filed achargesheet against 10 accused - 5 hijackers, who are Pakistani Nationals, two other Pakistani Nationals for theirrole in the conspiracy and 3 other persons. CBI is conducting further investigation, with the permission of the Court, to apprehend 7 Pakistani Nationals to get evidence relating to larger conspiracy, if any.

(b) to (d) CBI is facing difficulties in securing presenceof the 7 Pakistani nationals. They have been declared as absconders and Red Corner Notices have been issued againsteach of them. CBI is further facing difficulty in tracingTaliban leaders/functionaries who are suspected to have been involved in the conspiracy along with the hijackers. The case is covered under the Section 173(8) CRPC.